ln nanu. Consumption and production ftf Steel

599. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL; Will the Minister of STEEL be please* to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the de* ■sand for steel, which was almost stag* •ant during the last two years, ha* started picking up, as reported in tbe Hindustan Times dated the llth November, 1994;

<b) what was the consumption of finished steel as well as pig iron during th» first half of the current financial year indicating increase in percentage;

c) what is the available stock of saleable stee) with the producers as on 1st October, 1994, in million tonnes a» •gainst corresponding date last yeaT;

(d) w*«C wa» (fee total production ot Pig: o»a during April to September, 1994, as against the production during *tha* sma period last year showing increase in percentage; and

(ej wfeat steps Government have takea for reorientation of export strategy taking into account of this fast changing market icenario externally aa well *m* needs for internal consumption in tha eountry ensuring our products were quite crirnpefifiTe in world market?

THE MTNISTER OF STATE OF TH* MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SOI* TOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Consumption of finished steel and pig iron during the first half of current financial year and the correspondim period of last year and percentage increase were as under.

C0OO tonnes)

	April—Sept. '94	April—Sept. '93	% of increase
Finished steel	7591	6961	9%
Pig Iron	963	744	29%

(c) Stock of saleable steel available with Main Producers as on 1-10-94 was 1.033 million tonnes as against the stock of 1.356 million tonnes on 1-10-93.

(d) Total production of Pig Iron during April-September, 1994 and production during the same period last year and percentage increase was as under:

('000 tonnes)

April-Sept. '94	April-Sept. '93	% of increase
1214	974	25%

(e) To increase the country's exports, Government have taken various po'icy measures such as liberalisation of import-export poicy, flexibility of value based Advance licensing scheme amd coavertibility of rupee on trade accounts. Etport of all items of iron and steel is fresjfe. allowed. It is expected that, export «rt steel from India will increase to *t* million tonnes by 2001-2002

Mins Ste^l Plant.; in the «w«»tr*{

600. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI; WiH' the Miniver of STEE!. to pleased to stale:

(a) the State-wise number of mfci ■steel plants in tbe country;

(b) the total installed capacity of Ast mini steel' plants;

(c) their production during the year* 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and *> far ia 1994;

(d) what is tbe percentage of production of mini steel plants against the total output of steel; and

(e) what are the problems faced by the mini steel plants and the reasons for not producing to thei$_r$ installed capacity

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRl SON-TOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There are 181 mini steel plants (EAF units) in tht country The State-wise list is annexed[1] as statement *{See* below).

(b) The total installed capacity of the above units is about 7.81 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) The production of mini steel plants (EAF units) and its share in the total production of crude steel in the country in 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as under:

Year	Production	% of Production
1990-91	3.868 million tonnes	23.98%
1991-92	3.296 million tonnes	19.23%
1992-93	2.976 million tonnes	16.68%
1993-94 (prov.)	2.499 million tonnes	14.14%
1994-95 (Prov.) (April— October)	2.04 million tonnes	18.35%

'e) Production of Steel from the 'ric Arc Furnace (EAF) units has below their installed capacity. The rmance of this sector has been ad- ely, affected due to various factors as demand recession, increase in it costs like power tariffs,, scrap prices .

Statement

State-wise list of 181 mini steel plants (EAF units) in the country

Sl.. No	Name of State/UT	No. of Units
1	Andhra Pradesh	8
2	Assam	2
3	Bihar	6
4	Chandigarh	1
5	Delhi	2
6	Goa	1
7	Gujarat	6
8	Haryana	13
9	Himachal Pradesh	4
10	Kerala	1
11	Jammu & Kashmir	2
12	Karnataka	11
13	Madhya Pradesh	16
14	Maharashtra	30
15	Orissa	2
16	Punjab	8
17	Pondicherry	3
18	Rajasthan	7
19	Tamil Nadu	6
20	Uttar Pradesh	28
21	West Bengal	24
	TOTAL	181

Oamng stock of Finished Producti

601. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALAJ PANDEY; Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state;

(a) whether in the schedule 7(b) of